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## TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, March 30th, 1882.

In closing his budget speech on Saturday last, Sir Leonard Tilley announced the following additional changes in the tariff: Additions to the free list—grapes, books, maps and charts for educational institutions, libraries, etc., hard rubber, and wood for fuel in Manitoba. Fine salt, dutiable from the United States but free from England, now to pay eight cents per hundred pounds. Silver and glassware is raised from 25 to 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Chief Justice Wood's reply to the petition of Mr. Clarke covers 430 pages of foolscap.

Sir Hector Langevin has introduced a bill to incorporate a company to establish a marine telegraph line between the Pacific Coast and Asia.

The House of Commons has passed a bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister by a large majority. An amendment legalizing marriage with a deceased husband's brother was rejected.

On Tuesday, Mr. Blake moved that, in the opinion of the House, the existing system of granting timber limits is liable to result in gross abuse, and in the cession of valuable interests in the public domain for inadequate considerations to favored individuals, and that it is expedient to apply the just principle of public competition to the granting of timber limits. Motion lost.

Secretary Drinkwater has written to Sir Leonard that arrangements have been made to deposit \$500,000, in bonds, with the Government as security for the contract, and that the company has sold \$1,000,000 of bonds at 92; also asking that the twenty-four mile belt adjacent to the railway be allowed the company for timber cutting purposes, or if not that licenses be issued.

From returns tabled it appears that 429 half-breeds, minors and others, who were absent on the 15th of July, 1870, have put in claims for land. There were 1,007,104 acres pre-empted in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territories from '72 to '81. Also 1,819,456 acres homesteaded. The militia cost from '76 to '81 over \$6,000,000.

The Portage, Westbourne & North-western, the Athabasca & Hudson's Bay, and Lake Superior & James' Bay railway bills have passed the third reading.

Peter Nicholson, customs collector at Prince Arthur's Landing, applies for a bill of divorce on the ground of adultery.

Sir John has introduced an act to amend the public lands act by inserting a clause allowing any person who has obtained a homestead patent to obtain another homestead entry on like conditions.

The detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the maintenance and operation of the Government telegraph lines from Selkirk to Edmonton, and from Selkirk to Winnipeg, shows the expenditure from the 1st of July, 1875, to the 30th of June, 1881, to be \$96,804; total receipts \$2,333. Receipts previous to June 30th, 1881, nothing, since then to Dec. 21st, 1881, \$460.

BATTLEFORD, March 31st, 1882.

Inspector Antrobus returned on the 29th from his round of visits to Prince Albert and other parts. He reports everything in that settlement booming.

Hayter Reid, Indian agent's work among the Indians this winter has proved good. Things look as if the Indians would have very little to grumble at if the crops are a success.

Alexander Macdonald and J. C. Robertson arrived last night on their way to Edmonton. They look very hard, having had a bad trip, as the roads are heavy. They will remain here a few days.

Weather continues cold, with about six inches snow. Wind in the south.

HUMBOLDT, 31st March, 1882.

A fatal accident occurred a few days ago at Prince Albert to the daughter of Charles Mair. The little girl, aged about eight years, was

riding on one of the horses when the animal bolted through the stable door, the girl's forehead striking on the lintel, which caused concussion of the brain, resulting in death in a day or two. To add to the distress of the mother, Mr. Mair is now at Ottawa.

Weather fine.

FT. Pelly, 31st March, 1882.

Moose are more plentiful at the Crooked Lakes than they have been for years.

Hay is scarce among the Indians.

Weather fair but very windy. Snow about two feet and a half deep.

## CHURCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation took place on Wednesday evening last, as provided for by the constitution. After devotional exercises the Rev. Andrew B. Baird was appointed chairman.

The report of the managing committee gave an outline of the history of the congregation since its organization in November last. McDougall's hall had been secured as a place of worship during the winter; the H.B.Co. had given a church site on their reserve; the building of a church had been resolved upon and a building committee appointed. Besides the regular morning and evening Sabbath services, weekly prayer meetings had been held and meetings for the practice of sacred music; the congregation had adopted the use of the lately published hymn book of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The financial statement showed that partly by Sabbath collections and partly by subscriptions (not yet altogether paid) the sum of \$416 had been raised to meet salary and current expenses. The announcement by the secretary that one gentleman had that evening announced his intention of giving \$100 to this fund provoked the applause of the meeting.

The building committee reported that they had resolved on the erection of a frame building 50x30, with four gothic windows in each side and a porch in front. Outside, the walls will be of dressed lumber tongued and grooved; inside, they will be battened and plastered. It is intended to have the building heated with hot air. The erection has been postponed till August, to admit of the arrival by steamer of the necessary building hardware, etc. The sub-committee, appointed to secure subscriptions to the building fund, have obtained \$1,078, besides several promises of indefinite amounts from gentlemen who did not wish to put down their names until the time for payment. The canvas for this fund is not yet complete.

Messrs. D. S. McKay and Geo. Gullion retired by rotation from the managing committee. Mr. McKay was re-elected, and Mr. G. A. Blake was chosen to fill the other vacancy. Mr. Jas. McDonald was re-appointed treasurer, and Mr. Blake was elected secretary on motion of Mr. John Cameron, the present occupant of that office. Messrs. Cameron and J. A. McDougall were appointed auditors.

Some matters connected with the management of the internal affairs of the congregation were then brought forward, and after a spirited discussion the meeting closed with the benediction.

Two geese were seen at Long Lake on Monday last flying south.

SMITH brought his engine in from the Egg Lake pines on Thursday last.

MEMBERS of the cricket club are requested to meet this (Saturday) evening at 7:30 o'clock in Villiers & Pearson's store.

Sgt.-MAJOR BELCHER, of Ft. Saskatchewan, left for Battleford on Tuesday with the mail to put the peelers down there through their facings.

J. ASHEN sold his claim on the south side of the Saskatchewan, opposite the Fort, on Thursday last to A. D. Patton, who is acting on behalf of some parties in Kingston, Ont., for \$3,000.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 30th March, 1882. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Geo. Slack Wood, observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Friday,	51	13
Saturday,	40	30
Sunday,	41	16
Monday,	37	25
Tuesday,	22	20
Wednesday,	21	— 2
Thursday,	33	10

Barometer falling.

The mark minus (—) signifies below zero.

Mild days Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, materially assisted by rain Monday, took off most of snow. Not over four inches on ground. Thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow and rain on Monday.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. Harris took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. J. Lake. The funeral procession numbered about fifty, including the school children. The interment took place in the Methodist graveyard, and the funeral sermon was preached in the church by the Rev. A. B. Baird.

WOOD & LAKE, Edmonton, N.W.T., real estate brokers. Correspondence solicited.  
G. SLACK WOOD. JOSEPH LAKE.

MASONIC.—Saskatchewan Lodge No. 1, U. D. G. R. M.—A regular meeting of the above lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Edmonton, on MONDAY, the 3rd of April, at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the W. M.  
W. STIFF, Sec'y.

ALL PARTIES indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle up before the 1st of April next.

D. M. McDOUGALL.

## NOTICE.

Any parties indebted to the late James R. Harris are requested to call and settle the same, and any person having claims against his estate will please forward the same to the undersigned.

JOHN A. McDOUGALL, } Executors.  
JOHN MURPHY, }

## TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 15th day of April for the purchase of improvements and interest in the claim held by the late James R. Harris.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Louis Riel is said to be in Montana.

A dinner was given in honor of Hanlan on his arrival in London.

Cases of small-pox are reported from many different parts of the United States.

The Witness advises the Pope to come to Montreal "where he is still worshipped."

Dr. Colenso, who is by law Lord Bishop of Natal, will shortly cease to be recorded as such.

During 1881 there were 27,560,000 bushels of wheat received at Montreal against 9,000,000 in 1880.

No survey has yet been made of the proposed branch of the C.P.R. between Winnipeg and Selkirk.

An attempt has been made to steal the bodies of Napoleon III. and the Prince Imperial from the tomb.

A process has been invented by which petroleum can be made solid, so that it can be more easily transported.

Although trains run from Winnipeg to Stonewall, it is found more advantageous to have the mail carried by stage.

A company is organized to build a railway from Poplar Point to Lake Manitoba with power to extend westward to Rapid City.

A charter is applied for by a company who wish to run a railroad from Michipicoten Harbor on Lake Superior to James' Bay.

The first steamer of the new line between Canada and Brazil left Halifax on the 11th of January last with a cargo worth over \$30,000.

Flour quoted as superior extra is worth \$2.25 per 100 lbs. in Toronto, and sugar is worth from 8 to 10 cents per pound. Let us weep.

Members of the Irish Land League who are M.P.s. and are at present imprisoned will not be released in order that they may attend Parliament.

While the Quebec Government railway line has been reducing wages, the Northern Pacific has increased those of some of its hands by \$10 a month.

The C.P.R.Co. has 20 miles of material piled up at Flat Creek the present terminus of the track, and will have sufficient for 300 miles by the 1st of May.

T. D. Harrington, whose signature is so familiar to the wealthy of this country, appearing as it does at the bottom of one dollar bills as Deputy Receiver General, is dead.

It is claimed that if the C.P.R. is taken by the Kicking Horse Pass it will be shorter by some 500 miles from Ocean to Ocean than the Union Pacific or the Northern Pacific.

Lots in Brandon are booming. Rosser-avenue property is worth \$75 to \$100 per foot frontage, and is still going up. Last year at this time there was not even a tent on the site.

There were 697 business failures in Canada during 1881, with \$3,123,298 of liabilities and \$3,478,475 of assets. Ontario had 408 against 359 in the rest of Canada. Ontario always leads.

The Globe has an advertisement announcing that the "best wheat and grazing lands are found on the Northern Pacific R.R. in Minnesota, Dakota and Montana." Let us go at once.

Senator Cochrane claims to have 9,000 head of cattle on his ranch at Bow River, and intends to take in 100 thoroughbred Hereford bulls, 50 of which will be for sale, during the coming summer.

The workshops of the Eastern Division of the C.P.R. will be located at Carleton Place instead of Ottawa. The works at Brockville and those at Prescott are also to be removed to Carleton Place.

In Montreal in January last mink skins were worth \$1 to \$1.25, marten \$1, beaver per lb. \$2, black bear \$3 to \$10, winter rats 10 to 12 cents, lynx \$1.50 to \$2, skunk 50 cents, fisher \$5 to \$7, otter \$8 to \$10.

The Emperor William, of Prussia, who has heretofore been looked upon as a constitutional ruler, has issued a decree proclaiming himself an emperor in fact as well as in name. The chances are that the proclamation will lead to his becoming a corpse rather than an emperor.

Six tenders have been put in for the building of a railway tunnel under the St. Lawrence.

Wm. Nimmons' farm at Little Stony Mountain near Winnipeg was sold recently for \$58,000. It comprised 320 acres.

Hon. L. Clarke had a party at Prince Albert on the 19th of January at which thirteen hundred persons were present.

A station and of course a town, to be called Murray, is to be established on the Manitoba South-western railway, near Sturgeon Creek.

It is now understood that it is the intention of the Syndicate to have an all rail route via Chicago as well as the subsidized line north of Lake Superior.

The Portage la Prairie street railway company applies for a charter to the Manitoba Legislature, also the Manitoba South-western railway company.

The Winnipeg Lumber Company have secured 220 million feet of white pine, standing on streams tributary to the Lake of the Woods, but within the United States. It will be manufactured into lumber for the Winnipeg market.

The Toronto Globe and Montreal Witness take solid grounds in politics. They both say in effect that unless the principles they support triumph they do not wish to see the men who at present support those principles in power. Solid talk.

Since the Syndicate has got control of the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway it has raised the passenger rate between Brockville and Ottawa \$5, by the Canada Central line and will take no passengers by the St. Lawrence & Ottawa line. Wonder how the Ottawa people like the Syndicate now.

The agreement by which the Montreal Telegraph Company was merged into the Great North-western Company, has been declared of none effect by the judge before whom the case was tried, as the charter of the company did not allow it power to make any such agreement.

In Prussia some years ago laws were passed almost making it a criminal offence to belong to the Catholic church. Now the same minister who caused the passing of those laws asks the assistance of the head of the same church, in passing similar laws against another class of people—the socialists. How times do change!

The Emerson Express thinks that rather than use the C.P.R. as an outlet for its Manitoba South-western branch the Northern Pacific will build a short branch from that line to a point on the Red River 15 miles from the boundary, and extend a branch from the main line to the Red River at the boundary, making connection between the two points by means of steamers on the Red River.

Mr. H. Lumsden left Winnipeg in January for the Elbow of the South Saskatchewan, from which place he lately returned, having spent the most of the fall there. He took out some men and a quantity of supplies with him. It is said that he is employed by the C.P.R. Company, and that under his directions the even-numbered sections in the vicinity of the probable crossing have been squatted on. This settles the question of where the capital is to be.

The Manitoba papers are speaking out against the clause in the Dominion Lands Act which prevents the settler from making a second homestead entry. The reason is that a great many of the original settlers are selling out and instead of remaining in the country and investing the money received they go to Dakota where they can get another free homestead, while if they could get the same terms in Manitoba they would remain.

While it is reported that some of the great powers are about to attempt to reinstate the Pope in his temporal power over the city of Rome and a small district adjoining, the King of Italy has informed his Parliament that no outside interference will be permitted in the affairs of his kingdom, and at the same time proposed placing the army on an improved footing. The Mayor of Rome is also reported as having stated at a banquet that the people of that city would rather see it laid in ashes than again subjected to Papal domination.

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## LOCAL.

SLEIGHING is bad.

WHEELS are coming into use again.

SEED barley is worth \$2 per bushel.

FRESH butter is beginning to come in.

Four full-fledged real estate offices in town now.

The weather has been very changeable lately.

The Little Mountain settlers are thinking about starting a school again.

Two men, one named Larondele, arrived from Bow River on Monday last.

T. LABELLE has sold his claim on the Horse Hill Plain for \$300 to Ad McPherson.

MR. BELLEROSE has traded 6,000 rats for the H.B.Co., at Lac la Nonne, this winter.

MR. W. ANDERSON, Indian agent, returned from his trip of inspection on Saturday last.

THE supply of groceries is holding out well, but coal oil and myrtle navy tobacco are getting scarce.

MAIL arrived at noon on Saturday last. It was very large, requiring three sleighs. It brought a large quantity of seeds for the Indian farmers and others, besides some express matter. It left again on Monday at noon.

THE name of Main street, on the H.B.Co. town plot has been changed to that of Jasper avenue, the next to the south is McKay, then Hardisty, Saskatchewan, Calgary, McLeod and Walsh, which is the nearest to the river.

MR. S. TABER has sold his farm near Ft. Saskatchewan to S. Steele, sub-inspector in the police force at Qu'Appelle, for \$1,950. He has since purchased from M. McCauley his farm, on the south side of the river, and a little below, for \$850.

THE prices of fur in Winnipeg are quoted as follows: Beaver \$2 to \$2.25 per lb., bear \$3 to \$10, fisher \$5 to \$7, lynx \$2 to \$2.50, marten \$2 to \$3, mink \$1, coyote \$1, badger 10c. to 60c., skunk 25c. to 60c., fall rats 10c., winter do. 12 1/2c., spring do. 15c.

THE mail passengers passed P. G. Laurie, of the Herald, his son William and two daughters, eighteen miles this side of Qu'Appelle, on their way to Battleford. Being asked at what time he expected to reach Battleford, he replied that he had no expectations.

THE first number of the Manitoba Real Estate Review, published in Winnipeg, arrived by last mail, and contains a partial list of those who have become wealthy in Winnipeg through transactions in land. A. W. Ross heads the list with \$500,000, followed by Capt. Vivian, a late arrival, with \$400,000, Mayor Logan, cousin of Mr. R. Logan, of this place, with \$300,000, Allan McDonald, Alex. McIntyre and Capt. Donaldson \$250,000 each, and Col. Kennedy \$200,000. Vanderbilt will soon be nowhere.

TIMBER is being got out at Ft. Saskatchewan with which to erect a hotel on the property recently purchased by Mr. Heiminek from J. Lamoreaux. The building will be two stories high, and will comprise a central building 21x31, in which will be the main entrance, reading room and office, and two wings 21x26 each, one for the dining room and the other for the billiard room. Mr. A. Lang is erecting the building, and it will be occupied by a gentleman who is to come from Winnipeg. Mr. Heiminek will also erect a building shortly on the same property for use as a general store.

THE following is from the Winnipeg Daily Times, and is headed "From the Claim Jumpers' Point of View." "Mob law and Hudson's Bay rule is the order of the day here. Joseph Bannerman located a claim here lately and had a house nearly completed. Yesterday a mob assembled and hauled the house off the claim and hurled it over a precipice. The leaders of the mob will be arrested. They consist of a few whites under Hudson's Bay Co. influence and many half-breeds. The editor of the BULLETIN is one of the leaders. This may account for the tone of the telegrams sent east." At the end the following note was added: "The above despatch was sent specially to represent the claim jumpers' side of the question which has been agitating Edmonton."

## PILGRIMS.

The first instalment of pilgrims for this season arrived at noon on Tuesday last, per Saskatchewan stage. The party includes Dr. Munro, formerly of the Winnipeg Hospital, Henry Bleker, a lawyer from Belleville, Ont., A. V. Anderson, son of the Crown Timber Agent, A. Dunlop, of this paper, Marshal Breden, who left here for Winnipeg last fall, and M. McLeod, of Little Mountain, who piloted the party through. They left Winnipeg on the 27th of February by train, and were delayed several hours between Winnipeg and Porage la Prairie by deep snow. They left Brandon Tuesday morning in company with the mail. Mr. Lee, of Toronto, bound for Edmonton, G. Borrodale, of Battleford, and two C.P.R. engineers bound for the South Branch, also started with them. Two days and a half were occupied in getting to Ellice and five days from there to Qu'Appelle, including a day's rest on the road, occasioned by a blizzard. At Qu'Appelle the engineers left the party, and the mode of conveyance was changed from double sleighs to single jumpers. From Qu'Appelle to Duck Lake only took five days. At Duck Lake, Messrs. McLeod and Bleker left the party to go to Prince Albert, while the balance of the party, excepting Mr. Lee, who stayed at Carlton, came on to Battleford. There McLeod and Bleker caught up to them, and after three and a half days' delay, occupied in resting and procuring horses, a start was made on the home stretch. Shortly after leaving about a foot of snow fell and they had to contend with deep snow all the way to Saddle Lake. At this place the party divided, Bleker and Anderson going on their own hook with fresh horses. At last, after many tribulations, all hands arrived here safely, Messrs. Bleker and Anderson about two hours behind the rest. All along the road everyone spoken to advised the party not to go to Edmonton, and spoke disparagingly of the place, but since their arrival all the newcomers are well satisfied. The trip cost \$150 each.

G. STEELE has sold his place on Livingstone's Creek to D. S. McKay for \$500 cash. He left for Beaver Lake on Monday last to start a new farm there.

MR. JAS. HARRIS, school teacher, who has been suffering from stricture for the past six weeks, breathed his last about seven o'clock on Wednesday evening. He was born and raised at Frankford, near Belleville, Ontario, and had the advantage of an excellent education. Several years of his life he spent in the United States, where he had numerous adventures, at one time being elected a county superintendent of schools in Illinois. He was also well off at one time, being worth \$14,000, but afterwards lost all, and since then had worked hard and anxiously to retrieve his fortune. He lived some years in Manitoba and came to Edmonton the summer before last. Ever since he came here he worked at whatever he could find to do, and in January last he was appointed teacher of the school here at a fair salary. In this position he gave every satisfaction both to scholars and parents, but had been only about six weeks employed when he was seized with the illness which has proved fatal. He was attended throughout by Dr. Herschmer, of Ft. Saskatchewan, and received every attention possible, but without avail. He was 38 years of age at the time of his death.

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### COLONIZATION.

The Temperance Colonization Society has arranged for its 2,000,000 acre land grab somewhere on the South Saskatchewan, and the Primitive Methodist swindle for a grant in the Qu'Appelle region. If the rest of the land sharks will follow the example thus set them and keep well to the south, along or near the line of the C.P.R. it will be a blessing for which this northern part of the fertile belt may be forever thankful. If the choosing of a southern pass by the C.P.R.Co., or the letters of the Globe's correspondent, have in any way tended to turn the current of this baneful immigration away from us, they each deserve our heartfelt gratitude. These land speculating companies promise to become the greatest evil against which the actual settler will have to contend—worse than the grasshoppers of summer or the blizzards of winter—worse than the scarcity of wood, badness of water, or the summer frosts, which are only supposed to occur at Edmonton. The grasshopper may eat part of his crop, or the blizzard make things exciting for him, but still he will have a chance to live through all and come out right in the end, but supposing he is under the thumb of one of these corporations and misfortune comes, as it may come to any one in any country, not only his crop but his improvements are taken from him as completely as though the grasshopper had eaten all. This is the policy of the C.P.R. company, the greatest of them all, and is likely to be that of the lesser organizations, no matter how much their plans may be veiled by a mask of religion, temperance or charity. All have the desire to make money. Of course in any country when a man fails to meet his payments he is liable to be dispossessed, but in this one the temptation to the original owner to deal harshly with the settler is ten times stronger than in most other places. For the rise which we all confidently expect will take place each year in the value of land is just so much profit that the speculator will make by turning the first purchaser off even though he had paid nothing on the land.

There are now several flourishing settlements along the Saskatchewan—Edmonton, Battleford and Prince Albert—where there are hundreds of farms, and the people are doing fairly well, but even now were they called on to pay for the 320 acres which each one claims how many would be able to do so? And had they been obliged to make payments on the land in the past years, could they have been as comfortable as they are now? Had there been a price on the land along the Saskatchewan for the last ten years there would not have been one homestead where there is now ten, and of those who now occupy the claims fewer still would have occupied them under those circumstances. The amount of the matter is that a settler in a new country, where he has to fight against all the disadvantages of high prices for store goods and low prices for produce, ignorance of the climate

and natural capabilities of the place, and the thousand and one ills that fall to his lot, besides the necessity of continually making costly improvements, is in no condition to make cash payments on his land. To make the demand is to debar a poor man from trying to become independent, and locks up the country until sufficient men with capital can be got to settle it up—that is for many years.

It was thought that when the claims of the H.B.Co. the half-breeds and the C.P.R. company were satisfied the remainder of the country would be allowed to actual settlers but such is not to be the case. Enough land companies, colonization companies, emigration companies and ranch companies have already been organized to take up the greater part of the remainder of the fertile land in the country, and on the same or easier terms than it would have been granted to actual settlers. These companies may for a few years bring an extraordinary flow of immigrants in order to acquire their land grants, but these will not be of a class nor will they be in a position to develop the country to the extent that a tenth of the number of free settlers would do. The attempt on the part of speculators to wring a price for their lands out of such people can only result in evils such as distract Ireland to-day. The people will not be able to pay. If the country goes ahead it will be to the interest of the speculator to evict as fast as possible, and the settler will have to either stay on the land at the mercy of the landlord, leave the country, or do as they do in Ireland. Either course means little better than ruin to Canada. If the country does not go ahead, and it scarcely can, overburdened as it is, then colonization schemes will be a failure and will bring ruin to those connected with them, as well as to the North-West.

So far we have no intimation that any of these companies intend making Edmonton their field of labor, and indeed they are not likely to, for while this district offers unequalled advantages to a free settler on account of the excellent quality of the land and the fact of there being any quantity of timber, water and hay, the surface of the country is so diversified by bluffs of timber, hills, lakes, swamps, creeks and rivers that a company taking up several townships would certainly find a large quantity of land that would be unavailable, for a time at least, for speculative purposes, and this fact will undoubtedly act as a bar to their operations here. At the same time the land that would be of no value to them would be of great advantage to an actual settler, furnishing him with free wood, hay and pasture, while he might be cultivating the whole of his proper claim. There is no room at Edmonton for a single speculator, but there is room for thousands of actual settlers, and to such this district gives greater advantages than can be got elsewhere in the North-West Territories or in the Dominion of Canada.

Our last week's telegrams spoke of strong efforts being made to have the Manitoba South-western Railway charter disallowed by the Dominion Government. If this is done, surely no man will vote for the continuance in power of the tools of the Syndicate. The battle at the next elections is not apparently to be between the Conservatives and Reformers, but between the Syndicate and the people. At the bidding of the Syndicate, the charters are taken from the Manitoba railways so that their road may have a monopoly, and Ontario is robbed of its land that they may monopolize the supply of railroad ties. The country from the Atlantic to the Pacific is to be bound hand and foot and handed over to their tender mercies.

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